

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from February 2006

Current number of Assistance Groups: 70,010

Current number of adults: 53,415

Current number of children: 133,106

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,013

Closures in February:

Total closures: 4,088

Closures for 18 month time limits: 162

Closures for sanctions: 733

Work-related sanctions: 686

Other sanctions: 47

Closures for employment: 701

Time limit closures since Families First started: 12,975

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,728

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$704.54

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.32

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases that close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.